

What is claimed is:

1. A wireless communication device comprising:  
a transmitter/receiver capable of transmitting and receiving a plurality of data signals;  
a microprocessor connected to the transmitter/receiver and configured to detect a device  
5 event, a contact associated with the device event, and provide contact usage indicative of the  
usage of the wireless communication device in association with the contact during the occurrence  
of the detected device event; and  
a display capable of displaying the contact usage information during the device event and  
after the end of the device event.

10 2. The wireless communication device of claim 1, wherein the microprocessor is  
configured to provide historical information indicative of the usage of the wireless  
communication device associated with a plurality of contacts for a plurality of predetermined  
types of device events and to instruct the display to display the historical information of at least  
15 one type of device event of the plurality of predetermined types of device events.

3. The wireless communication device of claim 2, wherein the microprocessor is  
configured to instruct the display to display the historical information at a time when a device  
event is not detected.

20 4. The wireless communication device of claim 1, wherein the microprocessor is  
configured to receive instructions from an operator of the wireless communication device to  
identify contacts for which contact usage information is determined.

5. The wireless communication device of claim 4, wherein the contact usage information is associated with device events for a group.

5 6. The wireless communication device of claim 1, wherein the contact usage information is used to automatically generate a bill for the contact.

7. A system for monitoring contact usage comprising:  
a wireless communication device comprising:

10 a transmitter/receiver capable of transmitting and receiving a plurality of data signals; and

a microprocessor connected to the transmitter/receiver and configured to detect a device event, a contact associated with the device event, and provide contact usage information indicative of the usage of the wireless communication device in association with the contact during the occurrence of the detected device event;

15 a server configured to receive contact usage information from the wireless communication device, and allow a user of the wireless communication device to modify the information; and

a billing system configured to receive billing information from the server based on the contact usage information and to generate a bill associated with the contact usage information.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is configured to provide historical information indicative of the usage of the wireless communication device associated

with a plurality of contacts for a plurality of predetermined types of device events and to instruct the display to display the historical information of at least one type of device event of the plurality of predetermined types of device events.

5           9.       The system of claim 8, wherein the microprocessor is configured to instruct the display to display the historical information at a time when a device event is not detected.

10           10.       The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is configured to receive instructions from an operator of the wireless communication device to identify contacts for which contact usage information is determined.

11.       The system of claim 10, wherein the contact usage information is associated with device events for a group.

15           12.       The system of claim 7, wherein the contact usage information is used to automatically generate a bill for the contact.

13.       A method of monitoring usage of a wireless communication device comprising the steps of:

20           detecting a device event of the wireless communication device;  
            monitoring usage of the wireless communication device during the occurrence of the detected device event associated with a contact as contact usage; and  
            displaying the contact usage of the wireless communication device.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of providing historical information indicative of the usage of the wireless communication device associated with a plurality of contacts for a plurality of predetermined types of device events and displaying the historical information of at least one type of device event of the plurality of predetermined types of device events.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the historical information is displayed at a time when a device event is not detected.

16. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving instructions from an operator of the wireless communication device to identify contacts for which contact usage information is determined.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the contact usage information is associated with device events for a group.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the contact usage information is used to automatically generate a bill for the contact.

19. The method of claim 13, wherein before the step of displaying the contact usage, the method further comprises the step of sending the contact usage to a server and the step of displaying comprises displaying the contact usage information on a web site maintained by the

server.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the server allows a user of the wireless communication device to modify the displayed contact usage information.

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21. The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of providing billing information to a billing system.

22. A computer readable medium containing a program capable of causing a  
10 computer to perform a method of monitoring usage of a wireless communication device comprising the steps of:

detecting a device event of the wireless communication device;

monitoring usage of the wireless communication device during the occurrence of the  
detected device event associated with a contact as contact usage; and

15 displaying the contact usage of the wireless communication device.

23. The computer readable medium of claim 22, further comprising the steps of  
providing historical information indicative of the usage of the wireless communication device  
associated with a plurality of contacts for a plurality of predetermined types of device events and  
20 displaying the historical information of at least one type of device event of the plurality of  
predetermined types of device events.

24. The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the historical information is

displayed at a time when a device event is not detected.

25. The computer readable medium of claim 22, further comprising the step of receiving instructions from an operator of the wireless communication device to identify contacts  
5 for which contact usage information is determined.

26. The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the contact usage information is associated with device events for a group.

10 27. The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the contact usage information is used to automatically generate a bill for the contact.

28. The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein before the step of displaying the contact usage, the method further comprises the step of sending the contact usage to a server  
15 and the step of displaying comprises displaying the contact usage information on a web site maintained by the server.

29. The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein the server allows a user of the wireless communication device to modify the displayed contact usage information.

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30. The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising the step of providing billing information to a billing system.